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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2006, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**There are no amendments to the Specification in this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**There are no amendments to the Drawings in this paper.**